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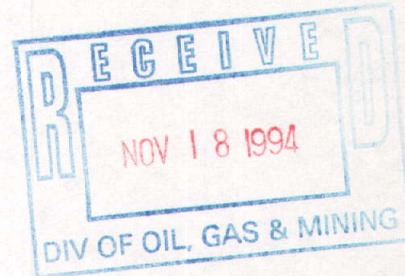
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Mr. James Smith, Mine Manager
USMX Goldstrike Mine
P. O. Box 2650
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Re: UPDES Permit No. UT0025151

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have not received a written response to the June 22, 1994 meeting and August 3, 1994 wasteload analysis sent to Robert Wilson. From phone conversations it is our understanding that mining is completed and reclamation has begun.

I discussed the possibility of general permit coverage with Karla Knapp of J.B.R. Environmental Consultants, Inc. on October 17, 1994. The general permit would be for storm water runoff from inactive mining areas where reclamation has begun. Monitoring would be required. However, active areas where leaching is still in process would not be covered. For your information I am enclosing a copy of the general permit and Notice of Intent (NOI).

Since none of the site is presently permitted to discharge even in storm events, we would appreciate a response from the Company by December 5, 1994.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 538-6075.

Sincerely,

Steve R. McNeal, Environmental Engineer
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Enclosure

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cc: Bob Burn, EPA Region VIII, w/encl.
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